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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

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Title FASTENER FOR SPANNING A LARGE GAP

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 21]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 Descriptive title of the Invention
 Cross References to Related Applications
 Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 Background of the Invention
 Brief Summary of the Invention
 Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
 Detailed Description
 Claim(s)
 Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
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(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)

11. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Non Publication under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other: _____

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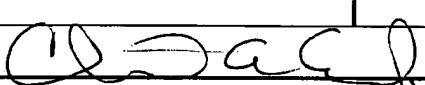
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